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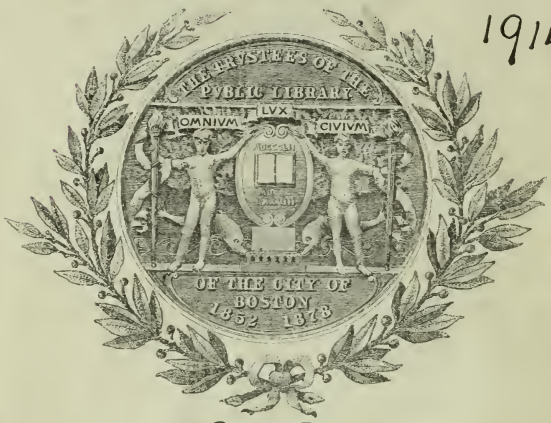

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FOR THE

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TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

CHARLES E. PHIPPS, *Chairman.*

JOHN J. MADDEN	Term ends in 1915
FREDERICK E. ATTEAUX	" " 1916
CHARLES E. PHIPPS	" " 1917
JACOB R. MORSE	" " 1918
ALBERT W. HERSEY	" " 1919

COMMITTEES.

On Accounts	THE ENTIRE BOARD.
On Greenhouses and Grounds . .	MR. ATTEAUX, MR. HERSEY AND MR. MADDEN.
On Employees and Pay Rolls . .	MR. ATTEAUX.
On Purchases and Supplies . .	MR. HERSEY.
On Improvements and Repairs . .	MR. MORSE AND MR. MADDEN.
On Copp's Hill, Bunker Hill, Phipps Street and Bennington Street Grounds	MR. ATTEAUX.
On King's Chapel, Granary and Central Grounds	MR. MORSE.
On South End South and Eliot (Eustis street) Grounds . . .	MR. HERSEY.
On Dorchester North, Dorchester South and Hawes Grounds . .	MR. MADDEN.
On Mount Hope, Evergreen, Fairview, Walter Street, Westerly, Market Street, Warren and Rainsford Island Grounds	THE ENTIRE BOARD.

JOHN FRANK KEATING . . .	*Secretary.*
LEONARD W. ROSS	*General Superintendent.*

Office of Cemetery Department, 1001 City Hall Annex.
(Post Office Address of Superintendent — Mattapan, Mass.)

Chapter 375.

An Act to establish a cemetery department in the city of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. There shall be in the city of Boston a cemetery department, which shall be under the charge of a board of five trustees appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen. Said trustees shall, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, be appointed, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years and one for the term of five years, each term beginning with the first day of May in said year; and annually thereafter the mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation as aforesaid, one trustee for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of appointment. Chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and all acts relating to departments and officers of departments in the city of Boston, shall, so far as applicable, apply to said department and the officers and employees thereof.

Sect. 2. Said board shall have charge of Mount Hope Cemetery and of all other burial grounds owned by or in charge of the city of Boston; shall set apart and appropriate a portion of said cemetery as a public burying ground for the use of the inhabitants of said city, free from any charge therefor; shall lay out said cemetery in suitable lots or other subdivisions for family or other burials, with necessary paths and avenues; shall plant and embellish the said cemetery with trees, shrubs, flowers and other rural ornaments; may enclose and divide the same with proper fences; may erect or annex thereto suitable edifices, appendages or conveniences; and may make such by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with statutes or ordinances, as they may deem advisable; and shall perform such other duties relative to such cemetery and said burial grounds as the city council may from time to time prescribe. All acts and all ordinances of said city relating to Mount Hope Cemetery shall, so far as they are not inconsistent herewith, apply to said department and the officers in charge thereof.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[*Approved May 10, 1897.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR 1914–15.

Boston, February 1, 1915.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of the City of Boston:

Sir,— In accordance with chapter 3, section 24, of the Revised Ordinances, the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department present their annual report for the financial year ending January 31, 1915.

This Board organized on May 4, at which time Mr. Charles E. Phipps was elected chairman, and Mr. Jacob R. Morse was elected as vice-chairman.

Mr. Albert W. Hersey was reappointed as Cemetery Trustee for a term of five years, ending April 30, 1919. Mr. Hersey was appointed as a member of this Board upon the organization of the department in 1897, and has served continuously since that time. As a member of the Grand Army of the Republic he represents the veterans in the performance of his duties and has always shown an active interest in all that pertains to the advancement of the department.

The following officials were appointed by the Board to carry out the work of the department under the direction of the trustees:

Mr. Leonard W. Ross, general superintendent, in control of the work carried on in the cemeteries and

burying grounds of the department, with headquarters at Mount Hope Cemetery, and direct supervision of the work in and pertaining to that cemetery.

Mr. John Frank Keating, secretary, as the executive officer of the Board of Trustees, in charge of the department office at 1001 City Hall Annex. The minutes and deeds and the financial transactions of the department are recorded in this office. The secretary, in compliance with the city ordinances, is under bonds.

The following custodians were appointed, and are under direction of the general superintendent:

Mr. Charles P. Harding, Evergreen Cemetery and Market Street Burying Ground.

Mr. John J. Burnes, Dorchester North, Dorchester South and Hawes Burying Grounds.

Mr. Frank L. Turner, Bennington Street Cemetery.

Mr. Augustus M. Lydston, Phipps Street and Bunker Hill Burying Grounds.

Mr. John Norton, Copp's Hill Burying Ground.

Mr. Frank T. Donovan, Fairview Cemetery.

King's Chapel, Granary, Central, South End South, Eliot, Kearsarge, Westerly, Walter Street and Rainsford Island Burying Grounds are under direct charge of the general superintendent.

On July 11, 1914, the department offices were removed from 920 Tremont Building, and located on the tenth floor of the City Hall Annex, in Room 1001.

The department telephone is Fort Hill 5100 — Cemetery Department.

DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

The burying grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows:

EAST BOSTON.

Ward 1.

Bennington Street, 157,500 square feet.

Ward 2.

Rainsford Island, 43,560 square feet.

CHARLESTOWN.

Ward 3.

Bunker Hill, 48,202 square feet.

Ward 5.

Phipps Street, 76,740 square feet.

CITY PROPER.

Ward 6.

Copp's Hill, Hull street, 89,015 square feet.
King's Chapel, Tremont street, 19,344 square feet.

Ward 7.

Granary, Tremont street, 82,063 square feet.
Central, Common, 60,693 square feet.

Ward 12.

South End South, Washington street, 64,570 square feet.

SOUTH BOSTON.

Ward 14.

Hawes, Emerson street, 11,232 square feet.

ROXBURY.

Ward 17.

Eliot, Eustis street, 34,830 square feet.
Warren, Kearsarge avenue, 54,500 square feet.

Dorchester.

Ward 20.

North, Upham's Corner, 142,587 square feet.

West Roxbury.

Ward 23.

Mount Hope, Walk Hill street, 117 acres and 36,536 square feet. Opposite Mount Hope are two lots of unused land on Berry street, north corner Manning street, 7,150 square feet; and Berry street, south corner Manning street, 5,262 square feet.

Westerly, Centre street, 39,450 square feet.

Walter Street, 35,100 square feet.

Dorchester.

Ward 24.

South, Dorchester avenue, 95,462 square feet.

Brighton.

Ward 25.

Evergreen, Commonwealth avenue, 604,520 square feet.

Market Street, 18,072 square feet.

Hyde Park.

Ward 26.

Fairview Cemetery, Fairview avenue, about fifty acres.

City Tombs.

Twenty-five in the South Burying Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Burying Ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in the Copp's Hill Burying Ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Burying Ground; one for infants in the Chapel Burying Ground; one in the Central Burying Ground for infants; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery; and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Cemetery Trustees of the City of Boston shall pay into the treasury of the city all receipts of the Cemetery Department from all sources other than from deposits for perpetual care.

SECT. 2. The City Treasurer shall keep the funds so deposited by the Cemetery Trustees separate from other money and accounts of the city, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to invest and reinvest all funds so deposited by the Cemetery Trustees in proper securities and shall allow said funds and the income thereon to accumulate until such time as the income of the fund is sufficient in the opinion of the Mayor and of the Cemetery Trustees to meet the current expenses and expenditures of the Cemetery Department; provided, however, that at any time the Mayor may originate an appropriation for the Cemetery Department to be met out of the income of said fund accruing during a fiscal year.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[*Approved February 18, 1913.*

Trust Fund principal, 1913–14	$30,773 21
Interest on same, 1913–14	60 00
	$30,833 21
Trust Fund principal, 1914–15	32,621 88
Interest on same, 1914–15	1,520 00
	$64,975 09

DETAIL OF TRUST FUND PRINCIPAL BY CEMETERIES.

1913–14.		1914–15.	
Mount Hope	$22,205 56	Mount Hope	$23,503 49
Fairview	3,987 25	Fairview	4,514 80
Evergreen	3,824 20	Evergreen	4,120 05
Dorchester North	346 95	Dorchester North	281 75
Dorchester South	123 80	Dorchester South	87 20
Copp's Hill	65 68	Bunker Hill	5 00
Bennington Street	51 00	Bennington Street	50 00
Central	45 00	Central	15 00
Westerly	36 00	Westerly	9 90
Phipps Street	34 60	Phipps Street	24 00
King's Chapel	29 45	King's Chapel	3 00
South End South	15 00		
Granary	8 72	Granary	7 69
	$30,773 21		$32,621 88

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

Fairview Cemetery.

January 1, 1912	$11,953 28
Expended to January 31, 1915	1,080 00
Unexpended balance	$10,873 28

REGULAR APPROPRIATION.

February 1, 1914, appropriation	$87,500 00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	1,200 00
Interest on Perpetual Care Fund	6,720 98
Total appropriation	$95,420 98
Total expenditures	95,351 48
Amount unexpended	$69 50

Money Earned for the City From February 1, 1914, to January 31, 1915.

	Mount Hope.	Fairview.	Evergreen.	Dorchester North.	Dorchester South.	Bennington Street.	Phipps Street.	Central.	Westerly.	Granary	Bunker Hill.	King's Chapel.	Copp's Hill.	Totals.
Lots sold	$6,440 50	$1,010 00	$2,160 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$9,610 50
Graves sold	6,906 00	1,672 00	640 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,218 00
Interments	5,415 50	1,179 50	406 00	$88 00	$35 00	$50 00	$24 00	$15 00	.....	.....	$5 00	.....	.....	7,218 00
Foundations	1,381 55	395 80	244 55	24 75	9 20	.....	.....	.....	$9 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,065 75
Care	879 50	86 00	482 00	138 00	43 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,628 50
Planting	652 00	3 00	7 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	672 00
Receiving tomb	441 00	10 00	53 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	514 00
Plants, sale and use	398 49	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 49

Grade, seed and sod	360 75	78 50	45 00											484 25
Evergreen	249 00	60 00	15 00	9 00										333 00
Preparing	118 00	2 00	7 50											127 50
Brick graves	107 00	2 00	60 00											169 00
Myrtling	51 00	16 00												67 00
Boxes	41 75													41 75
Sale of material	28 20													28 20
Superintendent's service,	16 00													16 00
Vault commission	9 00													9 00
Painting	4 75													4 75
Teaming	2 50													2 50
Storage	1 00											$3 00		4 00
Tomb repairs										$7 69				7 69
Totals	$23,503 49	$4,514 80	$4,120 05	$281 75	$87 20	$50 00	$24 00	$15 00	$9 90	$7 69	$5 00	$3 00		$32,621 88
Perpetual care	4,539 50	1,580 00	2,018 50	245 50										8,383 50
Grand totals	$28,042 99	$6,094 80	$6,138 55	$527 25	$87 20	$50 00	$24 00	$15 00	$9 90	$7 69	$5 00	$3 00		$41,005 38
Total Perpetual Care Fund	$132,313 82	$4,795 00	$26,164 81	$6,133 50	$1,692 50			$2,500 00	$5,000 00	$2,500 00		$2,500 00	$2,500 00	$186,099 63
Perpetual care interest, 1914–15	$4,801 46	$128 00	$946 26	$212 26	$58 00			$100 00	$175 00	$100 00		$100 00	$100 00	$6,720 98
Bills due, 1897–1914	$696 15	$15 00	$162 50	$41 70										$915 35

Expenditures for Fiscal Year

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.	Office Expenses.	Mount Hope.	Evergreen and Market Street.	Fairview.	Phipps Street and Bunker Hill.	Dorchester North.	Granary.
Labor	.....	$52,594 61	$5,905 00	$5,491 76	$2,504 50	$1,536 58	$795 00
Superintendent's salary	$3,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Secretary's salary	1,695 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clerks and messenger	2,383 27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pensions	2,288 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New garage	.....	2,593 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fuel	.....	1,195 52	87 50	6 50	26 50	32 50	.....
Tools and hardware	.....	976 98	14 67	33 80	.....	.....	.....
Repairs and brick, lumber and cement.	.....	949 80	111 90	76 87	82 13	31 78	24 44
Oiling avenues	.....	.....	.....	259 94	.....	.....	.....
Rebuilding wall	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00
Horse feed	.....	916 45	300 00	151 44	.....	.....	.....
Team hire and freight	.....	716 64	.....	169 75	202 50	33 00	.....
Auto supplies and repairs	.....	454 24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seeds, plants and sods	.....	451 19	52 55	.....	.....	.....	.....
Survey and plans	.....	275 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Electric light	.....	250 56	8 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shoeing and veterinary	.....	58 15	50 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Horse exchange	.....	175 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Printing	171 98	206 75	42 05	37 66	.....	.....	.....
Furnishings	19 25	198 70	13 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harness and stable supplies	.....	196 61	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Markers	.....	163 42	25 85	16 45	.....	.....	.....
Flower pots	.....	117 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Telephone	78 63	112 22	30 69	48 46	.....	24 25	.....
Fertilizer	.....	105 33	85 00	84 75	.....	.....	.....
Stationery and directory	28 78	46 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Postage	29 00	52 00	8 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....
Vehicle repairs	.....	76 66	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carfares	11 00	27 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bonds	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medical	.....	9 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sundries	7 00	23 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$9,748 77	$62,943 52	$6,744 71	$6,385 38	$2,815 63	$1,658 11	$944 44

1914-15. Regular Appropriation.

Copp's Hill.	Bennington Street.	King's Chapel.	Westerly.	Dorchester South.	Eliot.	South End South.	Hawes.	Central.	Walter Street.	Totals.
$738 00	$780 00	$722 25	$387 25	$359 50	$365 00	$272 50	$177 00	$101 00	$25 00	$72,754 95
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,383 27
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,288 66
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,593 82
9 75	9 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,368 02
22 50	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,048 45
85 14	.....	.....	.....	10 86	.....	.....	.....	1 67	.....	1,374 59
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	259 94
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00
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2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,123 89
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	454 24
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	503 74
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	275 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	259 31
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	231 70
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	197 61
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.....	.....	41 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	316 33
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$857 39	$789 75	$764 00	$387 25	$370 36	$365 00	$272 50	$177 00	$102 67	$25 00	$95,351 48

ANNUAL REPORT OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery Department, City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN, — I submit herewith my sixth annual report as general superintendent of this department for the year beginning February 1, 1914, and ending January 31, 1915.

A detailed statement of the work performed during the year is as follows:

	Interments.	Lots Sold.	Graves Sold.	Lots in Perpetual Care.	Graves in Perpetual Care.	Lots in Annual Care.	Graves in Annual Care.	Foundations Built.	Preparing and Planting.	Sundry Work.
Mount Hope	1,611	41	445	1,372	193	140	70	266	231	131
Fairview	268	12	148	46	3	13	4	54	2	20
Evergreen	83	9	32	229	120	60	62	37	3	11
Dorchester North	18	....	.....	66	.....	34	1	5	3	7
Bennington Street	8	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phipps Street	8	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dorchester South	7	....	.....	13	.....	8	.....	2	.....	.....
Bunker Hill	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerly	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Totals	2,005	62	625	1,726	316	255	137	366	239	169

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY. — Chapel used for burial service 36 times; receiving tomb used 39 times.

Land sold for burial purposes in square feet: For lots, 5,451, and for graves, 8,900.

Land improvements in square feet: Five hundred and two private lots and adjacent borders regraded, fertilized, seeded and sodded, containing about 60,000 square feet cut and laid; 31,000 feet of sod; 42,000 feet prepared for sale in single graves; 22,000 cubic yards of earth removed; 300 tons stone taken out; 3,000 square feet of avenues stoned and treated with "Tarvia X" penetration; 17 markers received from the United States Government and set at graves of veterans; 5 brick graves built; 4 iron fences removed and

lots put in order; 2,800 corner posts lowered level with the surface; 620 surplus posts removed; 8 old lots and 26 old graves placed in perpetual care.

Steam roller was shipped to the factory at Buffalo and completely overhauled, rebuilt and repainted, thus completing needed work, which will place it in good working condition for several years without major repairs.

The glass was entirely removed from greenhouse No. 2, the wood and iron work thoroughly cleansed, repainted and the glass reset. Quite extensive repairs on the greenhouse heating apparatus were done, but much more remains to be done during the coming year.

Development of the area containing about 20 acres of the front part of Mount Hope Cemetery has been commenced, and Greenlawn avenue has been partially constructed, tarvia macadamed at a cost of about $2,000. This has already opened for sale many thousand dollars worth of land in lots, one of which has already been sold for $2,280, thus returning to the city more than the cost of this improvement in its inception.

The burying ground at Phipps street, as you well know, was in a sadly neglected condition, and the entire surface was regraded, the old tar walks eliminated and entire surface loamed, fertilized and seeded. Harvard avenue was entirely laid with reinforced concrete cement tiles, and with reasonable weather conditions during the coming year a vast improvement will be noted in the grounds.

The usual amount has been performed during the year upon the care of trees in the various grounds of the department, and I have to report the appearance of the cemeteries in excellent condition.

EVERGREEN CEMETERY.— Services held in lodge chapel, 8 times; receiving tomb used 2 times.

Land sold for burial purposes, in square feet: For lots, 1,440; for graves, 768.

Land improvements in square feet: Regraded and seeded, for lots, 3,400; for borders, 2,000, and also sodded; trenching for single graves, 2,350; 1,520 lineal feet of avenues resurfaced; stone gateway at entrance repointed; 30 boundary posts set; 5 trees removed; 18 trees replaced; cement vaults used 3 times; 3 old lots and 5 old graves placed under perpetual care.

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY.— Receiving tomb used 6 times.

Land sold for burial purposes in square feet: For lots, 2,070; for graves, 3,552.

Prepared for lots, 28,750; regraded and seeded, 68,305; regraded, ready for seed, 17,878; borders sodded, 2,000; avenues constructed, 10,000; avenues resurfaced, 1,500; 60 trees and 78 stumps removed; 500 grave markers, 32 lot markers, and 2 government markers set; 40 maple trees planted; 13 cords manure hauled from fire engine house. About 200,000 square

feet of avenues rolled with steam roller and oiled with 40 per cent Standard Oil; 30 boundary posts set, giving general outline of the cemetery; 4 old lots and 1 old grave placed under perpetual care.

Dorchester North Ground.— Three old lots placed under perpetual care; 7 trees removed and 29 trimmed; shrubs, rhododendrons and boxwood shrubs planted.

Dorchester South Ground.— Three trees removed and 14 trimmed.

Hawes Ground.— Two trees removed and 8 trimmed.

Phipps Street Ground.— Land improvements in square feet; graded, 76,740; sods for border, 768; 450 cubic yards covered with loam; 6½ cords manure spread; 8 tombs recapped; 15 pointed up, one rebuilt, and one covered with flagstone; Walker tomb bricked up; reset Walker monument and 403 headstones; 6 tree stumps dynamited and removed; 170 feet galvanized water pipe laid; 2 standpipes and two faucets placed. Harvard avenue and around the Harvard monument regraded and 431 concrete slabs set for a distance of 265 feet in length, 5½ feet wide.

Bunker Hill Ground.— Thirty-seven headstones and 1 monument reset; 13 graves refilled.

King's Chapel Ground.— The seed surface of King's Chapel was treated to a top dressing of loam and reset.

Granary Ground.— Three tombs repaired.

Central Ground.— One S. A. R. marker was set.

I have again to thank the members of the Board for their continued courtesy, consideration and valued assistance in the administration of the affairs of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard W. Ross,
General Superintendent.

SUMMARY.

Upon petition of the Franklin Square House, the Board investigated the proposed occupancy of a corner of land in the northwest part of the South End South Ground, in connection with the erection of a new building by this corporation. This particular corner of land had never been fenced off by the New England Conservatory of Music, or its successor, the Franklin Square House.

There also arose at this time the question relative to certain restrictions placed on land in this corner of the cemetery, which had been sold to George H. Davis. The city Law Department ruled that the Franklin Square House was entitled to use the land purchased in 1884, although it had never been fenced off. The City Council, on January 30, 1914, with the approval of his Honor Mayor Curley, passed the following order:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute an instrument satisfactory to the Law Department by which the restrictions on land of the Franklin Square House adjoining the South Burial Ground may be removed, said restrictions being those contained in a deed from the City of Boston to one Davis dated September 15, 1865.

At the Dorchester South Burying Ground some years ago a much used entrance was that from Washington street to the rear of the cemetery, by a lane about twenty feet wide, which contains about ten thousand square feet, and is a part of the cemetery property although no burials have ever been made in this lane. For over twenty years this entrance has been discontinued, and is of no value to the department. With the approval of his Honor Mayor Curley a special act was passed and approved by the Legislature of 1915 authorizing the City of Boston to dispose of this land. The act is as follows:

CHAPTER 80, SECTION 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of that part of the Dorchester south burying ground on Dorchester avenue in said city formerly used as a passageway from Washington street to said burying ground.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston, with the approval of the Mayor.

For the convenience of those desiring to visit the Dorchester North Burying Ground it has been arranged to keep the ground open on Sundays, from 2 to 5 p. m., from about May 15 to September 15.

Copp's Hill Burying Ground, which overlooks Charlestown and the famous Bunker Hill, and where gravestones are said to still bear the marks of British bullets used in revolutionary days, and also Mount Hope Cemetery, wherein is located the lots and graves of veterans of our later wars, were the two places selected by the Board for the establishment of a precedent unique in cemetery annals, as more fully explained in the following extracts from the department records, Saturday May 30, 1914:

The flagstaff at Mount Hope Cemetery recently erected was surrounded by a platform, and upon the arrival of his Honor Mayor Curley he was escorted by the trustees to a seat upon the platform. Chairman Mr. Phipps presided at the ceremonies, and upon a signal master Allen Morse, grandson of former chairman Jacob Morse, and son of trustee Mr. Jacob R. Morse, unfurled the flag. As the folds of the flag were released hundreds of small flags fell to the ground and were eagerly seized by the spectators as souvenirs.

Chairman Mr. Phipps in his introduction stated that the placing of a flag in the cemetery was first suggested by trustee Mr. Madden of this Board, and the idea adopted by his associates. At this moment in historic Copp's Hill Ground a flag has been unfurled for the first time, and both flags will be raised each day in these cemeteries, which he appropriately referred to as two of "God's green acres." He concluded an eloquent introduction by presenting his Honor Mayor Curley, who spoke in substance as follows:

The importance of this ceremony is best appreciated when we realize that in only one other cemetery in the whole United States — The National Cemetery at Washington — does the flag of our common country float the entire year as a tribute of admiration and love to the men who by their loyalty, valor and patriotism made possible the liberties of the American people, the keeping of the Union whole and the preservation

of the best flag which ever floated over a free people in the history of civilization. It is fitting that Boston, which was the birthplace of liberty and where the first blow was struck for the emancipation of man and the destruction of caste, should unfurl this flag to-day, following the example which was set by the National Government. That flag is the inspiration of the old gray beards assembled here and is the hope of all who risked their lives that the Union might remain whole. That flag has yet to be raised for any cause destructive of opportunity or the rights of man to the fullest measure of equality. I sincerely hope and pray that it may never be raised in war except in justification to right wrong. This flag should wave in every cemetery in this broad land, and it is most fitting that it should be thrown to the breezes on this Memorial Day when the future policy of our country is at stake. We to-day have a proper appreciation of what war means, not only to the men who risked their lives, endured hardships and underwent death in its most terrible forms for the sake of their country, but what it means to the women, who fought the long and bitter and silent battle at home. We realize the patience and splendid devotion of the mothers, sweethearts, wives and survivors of the great Civil War — the greatest internecine conflict in the history of the world, and we get a proper appreciation of our responsibility in the sisterhood of nations.

Gathered around the flag to pay tributes were veterans of Charles Russell Lowell Post 7 under Commander Thomas J. Long; Frederick Hecker Post 21, Commander Charles Bleiler; Camp George J. Whitten Post 1, United Spanish War Veterans, Commander Alfred Varney; member of Women's Relief Corps and Troop D Roxbury Horse Guards; Frederick Hecker Camp Sons of Veterans; Co B, Ninth Regiment M. V. M. and Camp 9 Sons of Veterans as the escort.

We beg to acknowledge to Commissioner Grady of the Boston Fire Department his courtesy in transferring to this department, without charge, by permission of his Honor Mayor Curley, two unused buggies which are exceptionally well built, and admirably suited for the class of work demanded of us.

Preparatory to ordering a detailed plan, showing lots and graves at Fairview Cemetery, we have had a survey made of the land owned by the City of Boston at this cemetery, together with a registry of deeds reference, to the various purchasers.

On September 28 the trustees opened bids for the

erection of a much needed garage at Mount Hope Cemetery. The bids received were as follows:

Archdeacon & Sullivan	$2,447 00
McKenzie & Temple	2,595 00
John F. Griffin & Co.	2,681 00
Hapgood, Frost & Co.	2,765 00
M. J. Fish & Son	2,825 00
Crowley & Hickey	2,991 60
M. F. McDonald & Son	3,336 00

The contract was finally awarded to Archdeacon & Sullivan for $2,447. The work was commenced on October 5, and the garage was finished and ready for occupancy on December 15.

An echo of the tremendous conflict in Europe is found in a ruling made by the United States Revenue officials who advised that a war tax of fifty cents must be paid by the individual, when a perpetual care bond is issued on a new or an old lot, grave or a tomb.

The annual estimate of receipts and expenditures submitted for the consideration of his Honor the Mayor contained the following summary which is self-explanatory:

The estimates for 1915 have been figured in each case on a close basis and amount in total to $105,039.03. Of this total, $85,000 we estimate for labor which may be considered as a charge which is fixed and not subject to reduction unless it impairs the efficiency of the department. Allowing for an increase in employees as estimated, there would be 105 paid employees, including seven pensions at an average of $809 for each employee per year. By transfer, pensions and deaths, pay rolls were reduced to a very low point during the latter part of 1914, and the force now employed would be entirely insufficient to perform the duties required throughout the year. In the balance of $20,000 asked, we estimate but four items of extraordinary repairs amounting to $5,900. This will leave $14,100 for all other labor and supplies outside of our regular pay roll. The appropriation for 1914 compelled the strictest economy in general expenses, and allowed no surplus purchases of materials and supplies. After figuring closely on each item, we feel compelled to make the following recommendations: Under the head of pay rolls, an increase from $1,700 to $2,000 for the secretary on account of extra work and responsibility and an equalization in

part of the amounts paid similar positions in other departments; increase from $16 to $18 the week for clerk at Mount Hope, whose predecessor was paid the latter amount, and who has worked since 1909 for $16; increase on equalization plan from $2.50 to $2.75 per day for three gardeners and one laborer, who also perform mechanical work, and the permanent employment of a general mechanic at $3 per day; increase from $3 to $3.50 per day for a tool sharpener, who also does other work of a mechanical nature; increase from $1,200 to $1,300 for three custodians, who have earned at least this amount by ability and experience; we recommend the employment of ten laborers at Mount Hope at $2.50 per day to renew the force, and on account of increased work; we also recommend the employment of one laborer at Fairview Cemetery at $2.50 per day.

Under the head of general expenses at Mount Hope Cemetery, we estimate $500 for extraordinary repairs; $600 for eaves trough at stable; and $600 for road-roller overhauling; there is also due $400 on garage, which payment was held over under the usual conditions; to replenish tools at Mount Hope $600 is added; we also desire to purchase one new horse in replacement. At Evergreen Cemetery, we are obliged to renew our recommendation for a combination tool and team house; for fifteen years, the various administrations have considered the necessity of such a building and the removal of the unsafe structure now used. A personal inspection will be sufficient to convince anyone that this improvement is a necessity, and the postponement thereof has served to increase the estimated cost, on account of the advance in the price of labor and materials. This would cost $2,000, and we would add that the building is absolutely hopeless to repair; additional markers are needed at this cemetery in the new part recently developed, and at Market Street Ground it would require $300 to repair the boundary wall. At Fairview Cemetery, we have allowed a small increase for tools and supplies gradually acquired each year. At the Dorchester North Ground, the greater portion was regraded and seeded in 1913 and 1914, and we estimate $200 to complete this work; at the Central Ground, Boston Common, we recommend expending $3,000 for temporary labor in grading and seeding, and also repairing the tomb structures. No general improvements have been made in this ground in more than fifty years, and we have received constant written and verbal requests to improve conditions. The

Westerly Ground is one which should receive attention at an estimated expense of $600.

Under office expenses, the department automobile should be repaired at an estimated expense of $100 over the total expenditures for 1914.

A committee of the trustees was appointed late in 1914 to consider the plans for the erection of an office building at Fairview Cemetery, which the Board by vote believes should be undertaken at once. It has been ruled by the city financial officers that the cost of erecting this building can be taken from the Fairview Special Appropriation.

At the Granary Ground, about 75 feet of the brick cemetery wall, at the rear of Tremont place, fell down and was repaired. During the remodelling of the Park Street Church, the old fire escape was removed, and a new contract entered into with the Park Street Congregational Society permitting a new fire escape to be erected which overhangs the burying ground. At the same time the brick ventilator standing in the cemetery, and attached to the church, was entirely removed. Cemetery drain at the southeast corner which empties into the sewer at Park and Tremont streets was damaged by the contractors employed by the church. The Boston Athenaeum remodelled and placed new construction at their premises in the northwest corner of this cemetery. In the new construction the building is placed six inches for a length of forty feet on a one-foot wall in the cemetery. This society claims that their boundary line includes one-half the brick wall of the cemetery, according to old plans.

In concluding this report, we beg to acknowledge the courtesy and helpfulness extended by your Honor in connection with department problems on numerous occasions. Your cooperation with this unpaid commission has made our executive management a pleasure while performing a civic duty.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frederick E. Atteaux.
Albert W. Hersey.
John J. Madden.

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